

May God bless you, may God bless Texas, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

In God we trust.

RECOGNIZING TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Transgender Day of Remembrance and honor the memories of far too many transgender or gender-nonconforming people, at least 36 of whom were lost this year to fatal violence, the majority of whom were Black and Latinx transgender women.

I want to take a moment to lift up the names and stories of a few of the Black transgender women who faced violence this year in the city of Philadelphia to honor their memory, because when we fail to acknowledge this issue, we cannot begin to address it.

Dominique “Rem’mie” Fells was murdered on July 9. A friend described her as a beautiful and unique soul. We are heartened by the fact that an arrest in her murder has finally occurred.

Tracy “Mia” Green was murdered on September 28. Her friends and family shared how “her smile was so perfect and so contagious” and how she always made people laugh.

Kendall Stephens was brutally attacked in her own home on August 24. As she was beaten, her attackers yelled transphobic slurs and said they would “come back to finish the job.” Thankfully, Kendall survived the assault and dedicates her work to healing the transgender community in Philadelphia.

This violence is motivated by anti-transgender bigotry, and the intersections of employment, housing, and other forms of discrimination put too many transgender people, particularly transgender women of color, at risk of violence.

This Transgender Day of Remembrance, we honor those lost, honor their survivors. As an ally, I rededicate myself to working for change to protect this community from discrimination and violence.

HONORING LEE PAULL III

(Mr. MCKINLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my long-term friend, Lee Paull III, of Wheeling, West Virginia, who passed away earlier this month.

There was nothing Lee loved more than his family and being from Wheeling. He was an absolute pillar in the community, a successful business owner, an active member of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and Rotary, and a passionate supporter of the Linsly School and Wheeling Hospital,

as well as numerous other organizations.

His active role in political circles earned him the nickname of “Mr. Republican.”

Lee was a proud supporter of conservative values and principles. But most importantly, Lee worked hard to try to make Wheeling, West Virginia, a strong and vibrant community for generations to come.

He and his wife, June, touched the lives of thousands in our area.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, their three children, and six grandchildren as we all mourn his passing.

Lee, you made a difference. You will be missed.

REJECTION OF DEMOCRAT POLICIES

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to welcome my new colleagues who will join the 117th Congress. This group includes individuals from diverse backgrounds, including a historic number of conservative women.

The ideals that these conservative Members stand for are a rejection of the ideals of the radical left.

The American people have spoken and voted against defunding the police, against overreaching legislation to take election independence away from our States, against adding Justices to the Supreme Court, and against moving our country toward the failed policies of socialism.

Instead, the American people are interested in issues that will move our country forward, like supporting our veterans, securing our border, addressing our aging infrastructure, and ensuring our country remains a safe place to live, worship, and raise a family.

In short, the American people want and deserve from their leaders real solutions to problems facing our Nation, and I will continue to work with others toward finding those solutions and advancing our conservative principles.

HONORING THOMAS LOWRY

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Lowry of Taylorville, my friend, who passed away last Sunday.

In 1971, Tom opened a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in our hometown and operated it until he retired in 2015. Tom will be remembered in the community for his dedication to running the KFC and making everyone who walked through the door feel like family.

For a long time, he was also on the board of directors at First National Bank.

But I am going to remember Tom the most because he was my neighbor. After every single snowfall, since I lived right by him, and all of us on the same street, we would never have to wake up to an unplowed driveway because that is just what Tom did.

I am going to miss seeing Tom with his dog on his golf cart rolling down our street, but he is also going to be mostly remembered for the love of his kids and grandkids.

His passing is a loss for Taylorville and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Shannon and I send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Fran; his kids, Cheryl and Jerry; his grandkids, Joel, Anna, and Jillian; and his sister, Gloria.

Tom, we will miss you, man. May you rest in peace.

CHINA TASK FORCE

(Mr. HILL of Arkansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the work of Republican Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY and Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member MIKE MCCAUL for their hard work on the China Task Force.

After months of meetings and investigations, the task force released 82 key findings and 430 associated recommendations. That number of recommendations demonstrates the important work that we have to do as a Congress to address China's refusal to play by the rules as a global power.

What was most disappointing, Madam Speaker, was that Speaker PELOSI refused to participate in this effort.

Many of the recommendations, and legislation linked with the recommendations, are bipartisan. I have heard it directly from my Democratic colleagues with concerns about China's actions in a variety of areas, from human rights, intellectual property theft, and military incursions in the South and East China Seas, just to name a few.

Tackling China as an issue should be a bipartisan one, and I hope my Democratic colleagues will come to the table in the coming months to collaborate with Republicans on the proper strategy to counter China's decision to threaten the global system.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL RURAL HEALTHCARE DAY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize National Rural Healthcare Day.

One in five Americans calls rural America home, including the great people of northern California.

We have some great healthcare providers, and I would like to thank them for their efforts, especially during the pandemic, to keep everyone safe and healthy.

As great as it is to live in our State, we have a severe shortage of physicians, and recruiting new ones has proven to be a challenge.

The 12 community health centers and teaching health centers serve over 200,000 patients alone. These medical facilities provide much-needed short-term care but also help train physicians who will plant their roots, hopefully, in underserved areas and be available for their patients long term.

Community-based programs with stable funding are sometimes the only way that people in rural areas can get the care they need.

Let's hope we can have a stronger push and use National Rural Healthcare Day to spotlight more of this issue.

GALAXY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and celebrate a local business in my district. The Galaxy Federal Credit Union in Franklin, Pennsylvania, is celebrating its 80th anniversary.

The credit union was founded in 1940 by a dozen employees of Joy Manufacturing. For four decades, the credit union operated out of the Joy Manufacturing Factory, serving employees by helping them save and establish credit.

In 1981, the credit union opened its doors to other local companies in Venango County. In 2002, it became a community credit union.

The employees of Galaxy Federal Credit Union pride themselves on a "people helping people" approach to business.

Today, Galaxy Federal Credit Union serves nearly 5,000 members, including 400 youth members.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Linda Lusher Antonucci, as well as the employees, members, and volunteers who serve the residents of Venango County through the credit union.

Congratulations on 80 years.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8294, NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP ACT OF 2020

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1224 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1224

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the

House the bill (H.R. 8294) to amend the National Apprenticeship Act and expand the national apprenticeship system to include apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship registered under such Act, to promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor; (2) the further amendments described in section 2 of this resolution; (3) the amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution; and (4) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. After debate pursuant to the first section of this resolution, each further amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 of this resolution shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time after debate pursuant to the first section of this resolution for the chair of the Committee on Education and Labor or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

SEC. 4. All points of order against the further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 5. House Resolution 967, agreed to May 15, 2020 (as most recently amended by House Resolution 1107, agreed to September 15, 2020), is amended—

(1) in section 4, by striking "November 20, 2020" and inserting "the remainder of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress";

(2) in section 11, by striking "legislative day of November 20, 2020" and inserting "remainder of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress"; and

(3) in section 12, by striking "legislative day of November 20, 2020" and inserting "remainder of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WOODALL), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 1224, providing for consideration of H.R. 8294, the National Apprenticeship Act of 2020, under a structured rule.

The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Education and Labor and provides one motion to recommit.

The rule self-executes a manager's amendment by Chairman SCOTT, makes in order 17 amendments, and provides en bloc authority.

Additionally, the rule provides one motion to recommit and extends recess instructions, same day and suspension authority through the remainder of the 116th Congress.

Before I begin my formal remarks, I would like to take a point of personal privilege to thank Mr. WOODALL for his friendship during my time on the Rules Committee. We don't always agree, but even in our disagreements, he is never disagreeable. I admire his wit, his passion, his love for this institution, and his love for our country.

I wish him the very best in the future and hope this is not the end of his public career. I am always delighted to spend time, not only in our lengthy Rules Committee discussions, but also on the floor with him, so I thank Mr. WOODALL so much.

Madam Speaker, the National Apprenticeship Act is critical workforce development legislation that will invest \$3.5 billion to create nearly 1 million new apprenticeship opportunities over the next 5 years.

This is an historic investment in workforce training, and I am so pleased to support this effort. Amid this challenging and catastrophic pandemic, I am grateful that this body is not only addressing the needs of the American people as they grapple with the COVID-19 virus, but also looking ahead and preparing for the challenges our Nation will face as we recover economically.

Skilled workers are the backbone of our economy, and apprenticeships provide a unique opportunity to grow and expand access to this workforce. The success of apprenticeship programs is